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□ 1738

DeSAULNIER, COHEN. Messrs. GARCÍA of Illinois, RASKIN, Ms. BASS, and Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Ms. ADAMS, Messrs. BISHOP of Utah, YOHO, and Ms. GRANGER. changed their vote from "nay" "yea."

So the conference report was agreed

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

FARM WORKFORCE MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2019

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1(c) of rule XIX, further consideration of the bill (H.R. 5038) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for terms and conditions for nonimmigrant workers performing agricultural labor or services, and for other purposes, will now resume.

The Clerk read the title of the bill. MOTION TO RECOMMIT

Mr. BIGGS. Madam Speaker, I have a motion to recommit at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is the gentleman opposed to the bill?

Mr. BIGGS. I am in its current form. The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion to recommit.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. Biggs moves to recommit the bill H.R. 5038 to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with the following amendment:

Page 112, strike line 10 and all that follows through page 115, line 11 (and redesignate provisions accordingly).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Arizona is recognized for 5 minutes in support of his motion.

Mr. BIGGS. Madam Speaker, in its current form, H.R. 5038 would subject growers to a new private right of action in Federal court. As a result, these employers would face countless frivolous lawsuits and higher costs in the form of damages and other litigation costs.

The bottom line is that many American farmers and other agricultural employers would be sued right out of business. This provision is one of the main reasons that, arguably, the biggest agricultural group in the world, the American Farm Bureau, does not support this bill.

Our motion to recommit would simply strike sections 204(a) and (b) of the bill. This motion to recommit is supported by the American Farm Bureau, and I ask all Members to support it as well.

technical matter, AsSpeaker, we seek to recommit this bill to the Judiciary Committee. And that is interesting to me, and I think it should be of interest to all of us here because, in just a few hours, that committee is going to meet on a completely bogus Articles of Impeachment, where we will consider that there.

Over a week ago, every Republican member of the Judiciary Committee signed a letter to request a minority day hearing.

We are going to have the markup in 2 hours, and we haven't had the minority hearing yet, with no intention, I guess, of allowing the minority its rights under the rules.

Specifically, clause(2)(j)(1) of House rule XI states: "Whenever a hearing is conducted by a committee on a measure or matter, the minority members of the committee shall be entitled, upon request to the chairman by a majority of them before the completion of the hearing, to call witnesses selected by the minority to testify with respect to that measure or matter during at least one day of hearing thereon.'

And here we sit. We sit, and we are going to be going in, in 2 hours or so. We are going to have our opening statements, and then we will proceed to vote on the Articles of Impeachment offered by our friends on the other side of the aisle.

To what end? It is this obviation of the rule that is consistent with how we have seen this whole process play out.

We have written the chair of the Rules Committee to remind all chairs of their obligation to adhere to the rules of the House. Unfortunately, the hearing is yet to be scheduled.

I would suggest that the Democratic case for impeachment is not nearly so strong as they would have us believe. Otherwise, they would be affording us a simple minority hearing day.

When one considers it, and I wish everyone would consider it, we are being afforded more procedural rights on this bill, which is dead on arrival in the Senate, than we are in the impeachment proceeding of the President of the United States. That is simply wrong, Madam Speaker.

One day, I suggest, we will be beyond this mania, this hysteria that has set in here, and the other shoe will drop. I know that many in this body do not care for this President, and I understand that. But I think we all should have respect for this institution, and we should take care of this institution.

We should respect the due process rights of the minority. That is all we are asking. We want that minority hearing day.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. BRINDISI. Madam Speaker, I claim the time in opposition.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from New York is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BRINDISI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in opposition to this motion to recommit and in strong support of this underlying legislation.

Madam Speaker, America's farmers, producers, and ranchers provide the American people with the safest, most abundant, and most affordable food supply in the world.

Their job is challenging enough, but for too long, our broken immigration system has made this job even more difficult. I have heard from farmers across upstate New York and across the country, sharing the urgent need for responsible, commonsense action to address the labor shortage on American farms and ranches.

In fact, every time I visit a farm in my community, immigration is one of the top issues I hear about from farmers. A shortage of workers has led to crops rotting in the fields, billions of dollars in lost productivity, and farmers shuttering their operations.

For too long, the broken politics in Washington have made it impossible to make progress on bipartisan immigration reform. But thanks to the tireless work of Congresswoman LOFGREN and Congressman Newhouse, and the engagement of dozens of Members and hundreds of agricultural and labor stakeholders, we have a solid, bipartisan bill that finally moves the ball forward.

The Farm Workforce Modernization Act is something people don't think happens much in Congress anymore, a bipartisan answer to a serious challenge. Republicans and Democrats together, worked with each came other, and found a solution that both sides can live with and that delivers results for American agriculture and workers.

Our legislation will expand the H-2A visa program to year-round operations like dairy farms, streamline the program to make it easier for farmers to use, and strengthen the electronic verification process to ensure a legal workforce.

It also includes a tough but fair legal status for the existing farm workforce, allowing agricultural workers to get right with the law. The bill also includes strong criminal bars, preventing anyone with a felony conviction or two misdemeanors from obtaining legal

Both sides negotiated in good faith, and in the end, we have a strong, bipartisan bill on the floor to support.

Working together with Democrats and Republicans shows that Congress can get things done for our farmers. That includes farmers like Mike, who owns a dairy operation in my district in Homer, New York.

Mike testified in front of the Agriculture Committee earlier this year and told us in no uncertain terms: "Agriculture needs a way to secure a workforce that is steady, willing, able, and legal. We need to bring the multitude of indispensable agricultural workers who are already here out of the shadows without major disruption to the workforce."

Mike is supporting this bill, and the bill has earned the strong support of more than 300 agriculture groups from across the country, the Chamber of Commerce, faith groups, labor groups, and many others.

To my colleagues on both sides of the aisle, I would say that we have a real chance here to deliver a compromise let me say that word again, "compromise"—that will make our country stronger and help grow American agriculture.

President Ronald Reagan, the last President to sign an agriculture labor bill into law, once said: "I've always thought that when we Americans get up in the morning, when we see bacon, eggs, toast, and milk on our breakfast table, we should give thanks that our farmers are survivors. You are the real miracle workers of the modern worldkeepers of an incredible system based on faith, freedom, hard work, productivity, and profit—a system that feeds us and sustains millions of the world's hungry.'

Let's get the job done. Let's deliver a win for our American farmers. Let's oppose this amendment and get this bill passed.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the motion to recommit.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to recommit. The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that

the noes appeared to have it.

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. BIGGS. Madam Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members will record their votes by electronic device

Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX, this 5-minute vote on the motion to recommit will be followed by a 5-minute vote on passage of the bill, if ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 193, noes 230, not voting 7, as follows:

[Roll No. 673]

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

□ 1757

So the motion to recommit was re-

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated for:

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Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 673.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I demand a recorded vote. A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 260, noes 165, answered "present" 1, not voting 5, as

[Roll No. 674]

AYES-260 Adams Garcia (TX) O'Halleran Gomez Gonzalez (TX) Ocasio-Cortez Aguilar Allred Omar Amodei Gottheimer Pallone Green, Al (TX) Axne Panetta Baird Grijalya Pappas Bass Haaland Pascrell Beatty Harder (CA) Pavne Bera. Hastings Pelosi Beyer Hayes Perlmutter Bishop (GA) Heck Peters Herrera Beutler Blumenauer Peterson Blunt Rochester Higgins (NY) Phillips Himes Horn, Kendra S. Bonamici Pingree Bost Pocan Boyle, Brendan Horsford Porter Houlahan Pressley Brindisi Hoyer Price (NC) Brooks (IN) Huffman Quigley Brown (MD) Brownley (CA) Hurd (TX) Raskin Jackson Lee Reed Jayapal Bustos Rice (NY) Butterfield Jeffries Richmond Johnson (GA) Carbajal Rodgers (WA) Cárdenas Johnson (TX) Rose (NY) Carson (IN) Joyce (OH) Cartwright Kaptur Rouda Roybal-Allard Case Katko Ruiz Casten (IL) Keating Castor (FL) Kelly (IL) Ruppersberger Castro (TX) Kennedy Rush Ryan Chu, Judy Khanna. Sánchez Cicilline Kildee Cisneros Kilmer Sarbanes Scanlon Clark (MA) Kim Kind Schakowsky Clarke (NY) King (NY) Clay Schiff Cleaver Schneider Kinzinger Kirkpatrick Clyburn Schrader Krishnamoorthi Cohen Schrier Kuster (NH) Cole Scott, David Connolly LaMalfa Sewell (AL) Cook Lamb Shalala Langevin Cooper Sherman Correa Larsen (WA) Sherrill. Costa. Larson (CT) Shimkus Courtney Lawrence Simpson Cox (CA) Lawson (FL) Sires Slotkin Craig Lee (CA) Lee (NV) Crist Smith (NJ) Levin (CA) Crow Smith (WA) Cuellar Levin (MI) Smucker Cunningham Lewis Soto Davids (KS) Lipinski Spanberger Davis (CA) Loebsack Speier Davis, Danny K. Lofgren Stanton Davis, Rodney Lowenthal Stefanik Dean Lowey Stevens DeFazio Luján Stivers DeGette Luria Suozzi DeLauro Lvnch Swalwell (CA) DelBene Malinowski Takano Maloney, Carolyn B. Delgado Thompson (CA) Demings Thompson (MS) Maloney, Sean DeSaulnier Thompson (PA) Deutch Matsui Diaz-Balart McBath Tipton Titus Dingell McCollum Tonko Doggett McEachin Torres (CA) Doyle, Michael McGovern Torres Small McKinley (NM) Engel McNerney Escobar Trahan Meeks Eshoo Meng Mitchell Trone Underwood Espaillat Upton Evans Moore Van Drew Finkenauer Morelle Vargas Fitzpatrick Moulton Mucarsel-Powell Veasey Fletcher Foster Murphy (FL) Vela. Velázquez Frankel Nadler Napolitano Fudge Visclosky Fulcher Neal Walden Neguse Wasserman Gabbard Newhouse Gallego Schultz Garamendi Waters Norcross

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Miller

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Golden

Watson Coleman

García (IL)

Nunes

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NOT VOTING-5

Barragán Lieu, Ted Serrano Roonev (FL) Hunter

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. Cox of California) (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

□ 1805

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. BARRAGÁN. Mr. Speaker, I regret to inform you that I was unable to be present for votes today. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 671, "yea" on rollcall No. 672, "nay" on rollcall No. 673, and "yea" on rollcall No. 674.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, a motion to reconsider is laid on the table.

Mr. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, I object to the motion to lay on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Objection is heard.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I have a motion at the desk.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion.

The Clerk read as follows:

Ms. Lofgren moves to reconsider the vote on passage of H.R. 5038.

MOTION TO TABLE

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I have a motion at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. McGovern moves to lav on the table the motion to reconsider.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. question is on the motion to table.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This is a 5-minute vote

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 216, nays 164, not voting 50, as follows:

[Roll No. 675]

YEAS-216

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NOT VOTING-50

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE
The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms.
DEGETTE) (during the vote). There are

2 minutes remaining.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). The Chair will remind all persons in the gallery that they are here as guests of the House and that any manifestation of approval or disapproval of proceedings is in violation of the rules of the House.

□ 1814

So the motion to table was agreed to. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

LOWER DRUG COSTS NOW ACT OF 2019

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 3, the Elijah E. Cummings Lower Drug Costs Now Act.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 758 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 3.

The Chair appoints the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PAYNE) to preside over the Committee of the Whole.

□ 1818

IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 3) to establish a fair price negotiation program, protect the Medicare program from excessive price increases, and establish an out-of-pocket maximum for Medicare part D enrollees, and for other purposes, with Mr. Payne in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill. The CHAIR. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered read the first time.

General debate shall not exceed 4 hours, with 3 hours equally divided among and controlled by the respective chairs and ranking minority members of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, Committee on Ways and Means, and Committee on Education and Labor, and 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the majority leader and the minority leader or their respective designees.

The gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE), the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. WALDEN), the gentleman from Massachusetts, (Mr. NEAL), the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BRADY), the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SCOTT), and the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX), the majority leader or a designee, and the minority leader or a designee each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE).

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Chair, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chair, this week, we will fulfill a promise we made to the American peo-

ple to make prescription drugs more affordable. No American should be forced into choosing between putting food on the table for their family and taking a lifesaving drug, but, all too often, that is exactly what is happening.

The American people are getting ripped off because drug companies have a monopoly on their drugs until generics come to market. They can charge Americans whatever they want, and they do.

H.R. 3, the Elijah E. Cummings Lower Drug Costs Now Act, finally gives the Federal Government the power to negotiate lower prescription drug prices for the American people. Other developed countries negotiate with the pharmaceutical companies, and prices in those countries are four or five or ten times less for the exact same drugs. This simply isn't fair, and the American people are rightfully fed ID.

It is time that we finally level the playing field and empower the Federal Government to negotiate a better deal. These negotiations will not only lead to lower prices for consumers, it will also result in significant savings to the Federal Government. H.R. 3 takes the resulting \$500 billion in savings and reinvests it in the American healthcare system and the search for new cures.

We cap out-of-pocket costs for seniors in the Medicare Part D program for the first time, giving seniors the peace of mind of knowing that their drug cost will not bankrupt them or empty their retirement accounts.

We make transformational investments in the Medicare program—adding for the first time benefits for dental, hearing, and vision coverage. These new benefits are going to make a huge difference in the lives of our Nation's seniors.

We invest \$12 billion in the search for new cures and treatments by boosting funding for the National Institutes of Health and the Food and Drug Administration. NIH, as we know, plays a critical role in the research and development of new drugs, and this investment will ensure that these cures and treatments become a reality. We also invest in combatting the opioid crisis, community health centers, and maternal healthcare. And finally, beyond the negotiation, we are holding pharmaceutical companies accountable for when they jack up prices, bringing much-needed transparency to the proc-

Mr. Chairman, the status quo is simply unacceptable and unsustainable. It is time to negotiate a better deal for the American people. It is time to pass H.B. 3.

Mr. Chair, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Chair, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chair, let me be clear: Drug costs in America are too high. Republicans believe this, and so do Democrats. We all should work together, though, to lower drug costs for consumers. We all